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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/647,378

Applicants: Itaru KAWAKAMI, et al.

Filing Date: October 17, 2000

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

Group Art Unit: 2137

Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 TO GRANT A FILING DATE

COPY OF DATE STAMPED FILING RECEIPT OF 10/17/00

COPY OF EXECUTED DECLARATION FILED 10/17/00 (3 pages)

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SIR:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner to grant a filing date for the above-identified application. The present application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/JP00/00904. The application was filed in the U.S. PCT Designated/Elected Office on 28 September 2000 with an unexecuted declaration of the inventors. On October 17, 2000, Applicants filed an executed Rule 63 Declaration as well as the required surcharge as evidenced by the attached date-stamped filing receipt. A copy of the executed Declaration is also attached. The undersigned attorney of record hereby states that the copies being filed herewith are in fact true copies of the documents filed on October 17, 2000.

On 06 November 2000, a Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed together with a Notice of Defective Oath or Declaration which indicated that the original filed declaration was not executed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68. It is believed that at that time the U.S. Office was not aware that Applicants had filed a proper Rule 63

Declaration on October 17, 2000. Applicants' new representative filed a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements on March 23, 2001 which inadvertently submitted a second duly executed Declaration together with the appropriate extension fee instead of properly filing a copy of the executed Declaration which was filed on October 17, 2000.

Applicants therefore believe that a filing date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of October 17, 2000 should be accorded to this application based on the evidence presented herewith. Since a Notice of Allowance was mailed on May 1, 2007, it is respectfully requested that a corrected Official Filing Receipt be issued at the earliest possible date so that the application may issue in a timely manner

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In the Matter of the Application of: ITARU KANAKAMI et al.
Title/Spec: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM
STORAGE MEDIUM

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the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto or X was filed on February 17, 2000 (International Filing Date) as International Application no. PCT/JP00/00904 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
			Yes No
P11-039218 Number	Japan Country	17 February 1999 Day/Month/Year Filed	<u>X</u> _____
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